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YOU WENT TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
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KNOCK
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FON.
IT'S TOO RISKY TO GO FARTHER.
DON'T GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND ANYMORE.
I WON'T CAUSE YOU TROUBLE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.
IF THE GUY YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS RELATED TO AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON OF THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND ...
YOU HAVE TO BE AWARE THAT YOU ARE RISKING YOUR OWN LIFE.

BESIDES, THE AGENTS IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND ARE KNOW TO BE CRUEL.
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY MY PARENTS WERE MURDERED.
...WOULD YOU MOVE ASIDE?
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING AFTER SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU.
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO LET THEM BE ...?
THE LAW DOESN'T JUDGE AND PUNISH THEM SO THEY ARE LIVING AS THOUGH NOTHING EVER HAPPENED.
IF NOBODY CAN'T PUNISH THEM...
I'LL DO WITH MY OWN HANDS !!
FON...

BUT NOT NOW.
PUNISHING WITH YOUR OWN HANDS ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO REVENGE.
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THEY SHOULD BE...
PUNISHED.

ISN'T IT WHAT TO OBTAIN POWER?
BECOME A GREAT SOLDIER AND MOVE ALL THE WAY UP SO... YOU CAN HAVE A IFLUENTIAL VOICE IN ILEGENES.
PLEASE, BE NICE TO YOURSELF.
I BEG YOU.
HE'S WARM...
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JAKE... INSIDE OF YOUR ARMS ARE SO WARM ...
BEFORE I KNEW... BEING BY YOUR SIDE BECAME COMFORTABLE.
I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT MY REVENGE.
THIS WARMTH WILL MELT ...
MY HEART THAT NEEDS TO BE AS SHARP AS A KNIFE.
IT MIGHT SOOTHE MY ANGER TOWARD THE MURDERER.
BUT...

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.
PUSH...
I CAN'T BETRAY MYSELF LIVING UNTIL NOW AND MY PARENTS.
FON...
I'M SORRY, JAKE...
BUT IF I LOSE THIS CHANCE, I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND IT.
WHY DID MY PARENTS HAVE TO BE KILLED?
AT LEAST I HAVE TO KNOW THAT REASON.
.....

SO YOU WILL GO NO MATTER WHAT.
I WON'T STOP SEARCHING FOR IT.
THEN, I WILL GO WITH YOU.
!
.....
I SEE.
.....

WHEN YOU GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND...
YOU HAVE TO TAKE ME WITH YOU.
JAKE...
WHAT HAPPENED TO FORTINBRAS, JACQUES?

!
HE ASKED ME TO ILLEGALLY ACCESS THE LAND TRANSPORT BUREAU THE OTHER DAY.
HE SHOWED ME THE PLATE NUMBER AND TOLD ME TO SEARCH.
LAND TRANSPORT ?
I UNDERTOOK IT BECAUSE OF HIS SERIOUS INTIMIDATION AT THAT TIME BUT... HE WASN'T BEHAVING LIKE HIMSELF.
I SHOULD'VE AT LEAST ASKED HIM THE REASON WHY HE WAS LOOKING FOR THE OWNER OF THE CAR.
FON GOT THE PLATE NUMBER OF THE CAR WE SAW AT THE CAFE...?

THEN... DID YOU FIND THE OWNER?
YEAH.
IT WAS A CORPORATION IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND. THAT'S WHY I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM MORE...
YOU KNOW WHY HE WAS SEARCHING SUCH A THING AND...
WHAT HE IS TRYING TO DO... DON'T YOU?
ASK HIMSELF.
I'M ASKING YOU BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T TELL ME.
I COMPETED WITH HIM BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE...

I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH HIM BUT I HAD A CONFIDENCE TO ASSIST HIM...
BUT...
SOMEHOW HE ALWAYS CHOOSES YOU.
AN IRRESPONSIBLE PERSON LIKE YOU.
.....
ONLY BECAUSE WE KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AS ROOMMATES.

WHEN HE CRITICIZED THE SYSTEM OF THE MILITARY...
I WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT GET IN TROUBLE BUT ALSO FELT AS THOUGH SOMETHING HAD BEEN LIFTED OFF MY MIND.
THIS IS THE WORLD THAT WE CAN'T HAVE A SUCCESS IF WE DON'T JOIN THEM... BUT HE SEEMED GLEAMING TO ME FOR BEING ABLE TO SAY THAT.
HE IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO REFORM THE MILITARY IF HE BECOMES A LEADER.
I DO ENVY HIS TALENT AND OPPOSE HIM SOMETIMES BUT...
I THINK I HAVE A HOPE FOR HIM FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!
NICOLAS.

FON IS ...
I DON'T WANT HIM TO GO INTO A DANGEROUS ZONE BUT...
THAT'S WHY I WANT HIM TO WALK IN THE RIGHT PATH.
JACQUES.
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU ...
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO!?
JUST TRYING TO SETTLE SOMETHING ON HIS OWN BECAUSE HE FEELS HE CAN'T RELY ON ANYBODY ON THIS ISLAND...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT THE THING IS HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO PURSUE IT.
STOP HIM IF YOU TRULY FEEL THE WAY YOU JUST TOLD ME, NICOLAS.
....
WHEN HE...
CRITICIZED THE SYSTEM ...
THERE WAS NOT A FEW OF THEM WHO FELT THE SAME WAY AS I DID.
JACQUES. OF COURSE, YOU WERE THE SAME, WEREN'T YOU?

THEN I ...
WILL MAKE THE PATH HE IS GOING TO WALK.
.....
DOCTOR, I WENT TO SEE THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS ISLAND.

THAT DECADENT ATMOSPHERE... MINGLING OF RESIGNATION, DESPAIR, AND LAZING WITH ABSOLUTELY NO HOPE.
FATHER AND MOTHER MUST HAD THE SAME FEELING.
LIVING SPARE...
HOW CAN I ACCEPT THE FACT IF I WAS SOMEBODY'S SPARE?
I'M AFRAID, DOCTOR.
THAT PLACE IS HELL.
I... INTERACTED WITH CLONES FOR THE FIRST TIME BUT...
I FEEL LIKE I'LL BE DRAGGED INTO THE BOTTOM OF DARKNESS.
I'M AFRAID ...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEIR RECEPTIVITY.

TAKE YOUR REVENGE.
KILL THEN.
DESTROY THEM.
THE VOICE TALKS TO ME FROM INSIDE OF MYSELF URGES ME STRONGER EVERYDAY.
I GET IRRITATED BY ITS HATRED AND REJECTION.
DETEST THE BLACK MARKET.
AARRG... I WANT TO DESTROY SUCH A PLACE!
.....

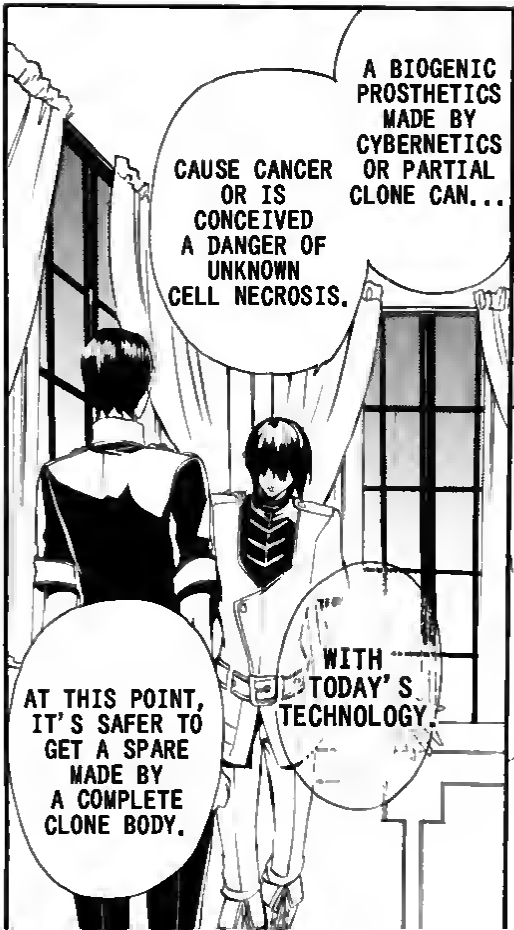
WHAT CAN I DO THIS TIME?
DID YOU GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND?
YOU SAW ES...?
I HEARD HE IS A CLONE... A PERFECT SPARE OF YOURS.
YEAH.
.....
OKAY, THEN WHAT?
I SAW ES THERE.

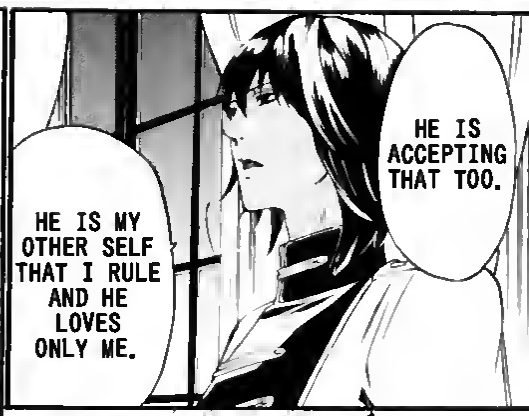
THE PERSON WHO KNOWS HE IS A CLONE!?
HOW COULD I NOT FEEL ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
THAT'S WHY I TAKE CARE OF HIM AS MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
DON'T YOU FEEL ANYTHING TO ACCEPT SUCH A FACT?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CRUEL?
BUT ISN'T IT BETTER THAN LIVING IN A TANK FOREVER?
IT MIGHT BE A CRUEL THING...

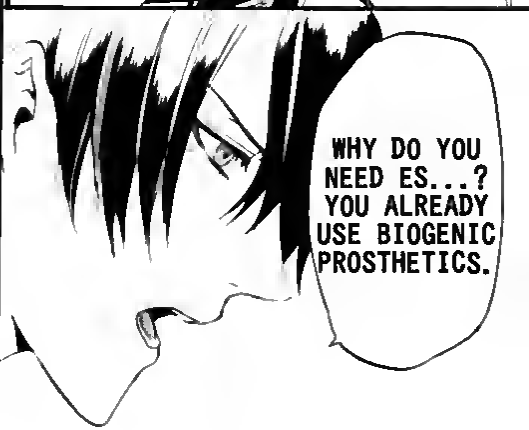
THE FIRST TIME THEY GET TO FEEL THE AIR IS WHEN THEY COMPLETE THEIR TASKS.
OBSERVED AND MAINTAINED BY RESEARCHERS FROM ALL SIDES.
THEY WOULDN'T KNOW THEIR SITUATION IN A SMALL TANK...
LIVE LIKE A HUMAN? HE'S NOT EVEN ALLOW TO GO OUT AS HE WISHES.
SO I WANT TO LET HIM LIVE LIKE A HUMAN.
EVEN ES IS A CLONE HE WAS BORN AS A HUMAN.
BUT I'M THE ORIGINAL AND HE IS A COPY. THAT'S A DEFINITE FACT.
I DON'T THINK BEING BORN FROM MOTHER'S BODY IS PRIVILEGE.
THERE'S NO CHOICE.

IS THAT YOUR "LOVE"?
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW SCARED IT IS TO OWN A CLONE.
YOUR MIND IS CROOKED.
SO...
I HAVE TO TEACH HIM NOT TO MAKE A MISTAKE.
I AM HIS GOD.
BESIDES, HE HASN'T BEEN CREATED WITHOUT ME.
I AM HIS ROOT ...

STOP BEING CONCEITED! YOU ARE NOT A GOD !!


A BIOGENIC PROSTHETICS MADE BY CYBERNETICS OR PARTIAL CLONE CAN...
CAUSE CANCER OR IS CONCEIVED A DANGER OF UNKNOWN CELL NECROSIS.
AT THIS POINT, IT'S SAFER TO GET A SPARE MADE BY A COMPLETE CLONE BODY.
WITH TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY.


HE IS ACCEPTING THAT TOO.
HE IS MY OTHER SELF THAT I RULE AND HE LOVES ONLY ME.


WHY DO YOU NEED ES...? YOU ALREADY USE BIOGENIC PROSTHETICS.

MY BODY WILL SOON STOP GROWING.
IN ORDER TO AVOID RENEWING PROSTHESIS FOREVER...
I WILL OBTAIN THE PERFECTLY MAINTAINED AND MATCHED RIGHT HAND AND BOTH LEGS FROM HIM.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG ABOUT IT.
THAT IS THE MEANING OF HIS EXISTENCE.
THAT'S CRUEL ...
BUT I WON'T JUST LET HIM DIE.
I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM AFTER HE LOSES HIS LEGS.
DOES ES...
KNOW ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING?

GRAB
...!
.....
I THANK MY BROTHER.
THEN... ES IS AWARE THAT HE'LL LOSE HIS LEGS...
OF COURSE.
I CAN'T ...
BUT IN RETURN, I'M GIVING HIM MUCH MORE HAPPINESS.
THE WAY YOU EXPRESS YOUR LOVE IS BRUTAL.
UNDER-STAND.

HE...
!!
YOU ARE CRAZY!
WHAT'S WRONG TO LOVE MY OTHER SELF?
HE IS COMPLETELY HEALTHY NOW BUT LOSES HIS LEGS IN A FEW YEARS. IS THAT THE HAPPINESS?
HAPPI-NESS?
THAT IS WHY I THANK HIS EXISTENCE AND LOVE HIM.
ACTUALLY OPENED HIMSELF UP OTHER THAN ME ...
I'M SHOCKED.
I HAVE TO PUNISH HIM HARD WHEN I RETURN HOME.

HEY, BY THE WAY...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ES!?
THIS IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN ME AND MY OTHER SELF, SO THAT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
I HEARD YOUR PARENTS WERE NATURALISTS. HOW ABOUT YOU?
CAN YOU REALLY BECOME "A SHIELD" OF THE COUNTRY YOU DESPISE?
YOU SEEM TO BE VERY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT PERMITS BLACK MARKET TO EXIST.
PROTECT...
THIS COUNTRY...?

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A SOLDER TO GAIN THE POWER TO CHANGE THIS ISLAND ...
WHY DON'T WE WORK TOGETHER?
I DESPISE ILEGENES.
HE IS RIGHT...
I'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON WANTING TO GAIN A LARGE POWER IN ORDER TO REVENGE MY PARENTS. SO I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT...
DOES IT WORTH TO PROTECT SUCH A HORRIBLE ISLAND?
IF YOU AND I TEAM UP ...
WE CAN CONTROL THE MAINSTAY OF THIS COUNTRY.
HUH...?
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW WHERE I COME FROM, FORTINBRAS.

WHAT IS THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT...
I WILL EVENTUALLY INHERIT MY FATHER'S COMPANY.
AND TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A PARTNER LIKE YOU.
YOU AND ME CAN CONTROL ILEGENES WITHOUT BELONGING TO THE MILITARY.
YOU WILL TAKE THE LIT SIDE.
IF YOU BECOME A POLITICIAN, RENO FAMILY WILL SUPPORT YOU.
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS MORE REALISTIC TO MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE?
NO WAY ...!!

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HOW STUBBORN YOU ARE.
I CAN'T TEAM UP WITH A PERSON WHO IS ABOUT TO TAKE AWAY LEGS FROM AN ALIVE HUMAN.
I'M SERIOUS, FORTINBRAS.
I WON'T ABSOLUTELY LET HIM ...
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE AWAY LEGS FROM ES...
A LIVING SPARE.
BECOME ...

FORTINBRAS.
...YOU WILL CHOOSE ME IN THE END.
SLAM
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE BORN AS A CLONE, YOU STILL ARE ONE OF HUMAN BEINGS.
JANIS IS NOT YOUR GOD.
!!!
WE ARE ALL THE SAME HUMAN BEINGS.
YOU WERE JUST IMPLANTED WITH THAT IDEA.
ES...

YOU LIKE DRAWING BUT JANIS DOESN'T.
THAT'S THE PROOF OF BEING INDIVIDUAL.
FON...
YOU CAN REFUSE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BECOME A SPARE.
YOU SHOULDN'T STAY IN THAT HOUSE. YOU MUST BE FREED.
I WILL HELP YOU ANY TIME FOR THAT.
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HELLO?
...ES.

IT'S ME.
....
I WILL GO HOME ON THE NEXT HOLIDAYS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME PICK ME UP.
JUST STAY HOME.
OKAY.
JANIS.

I'LL CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS I GET SOME INFORMATION.
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ES HASN'T ...
CONTACTED ME YET...
CLICK
HUMPH ...
I GUESS I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
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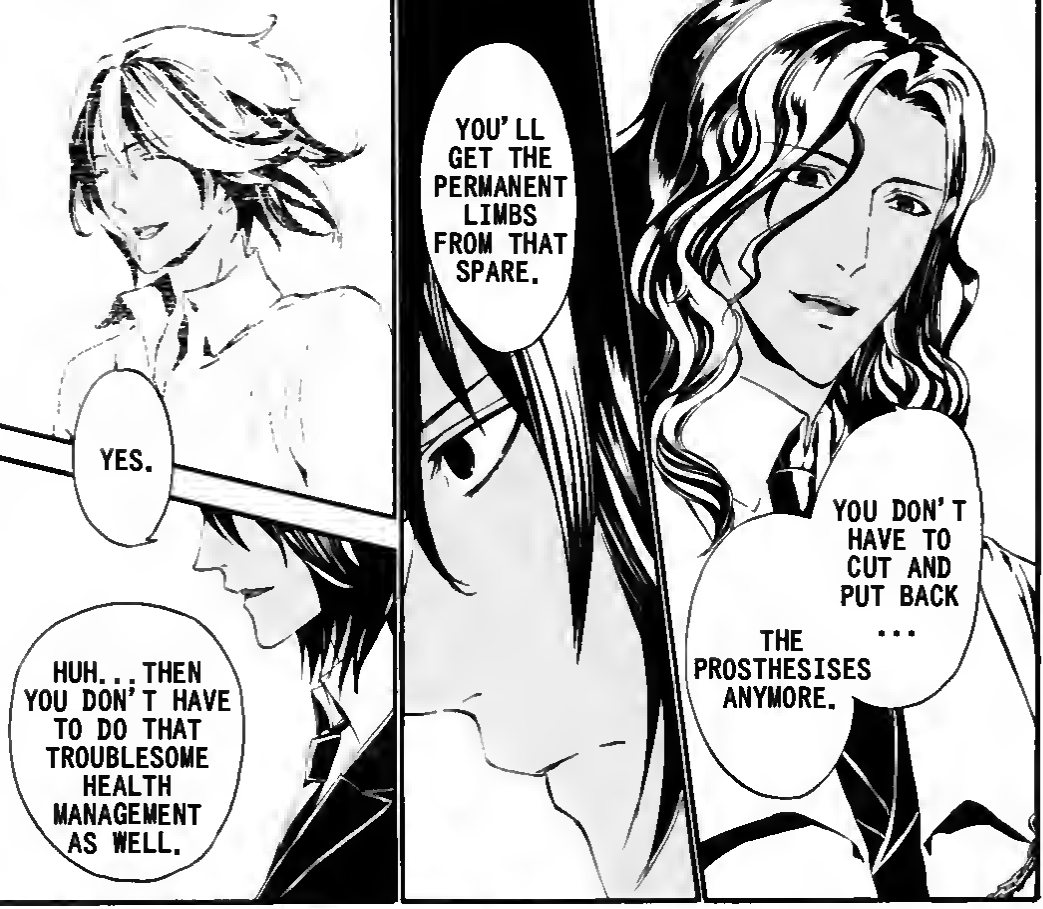
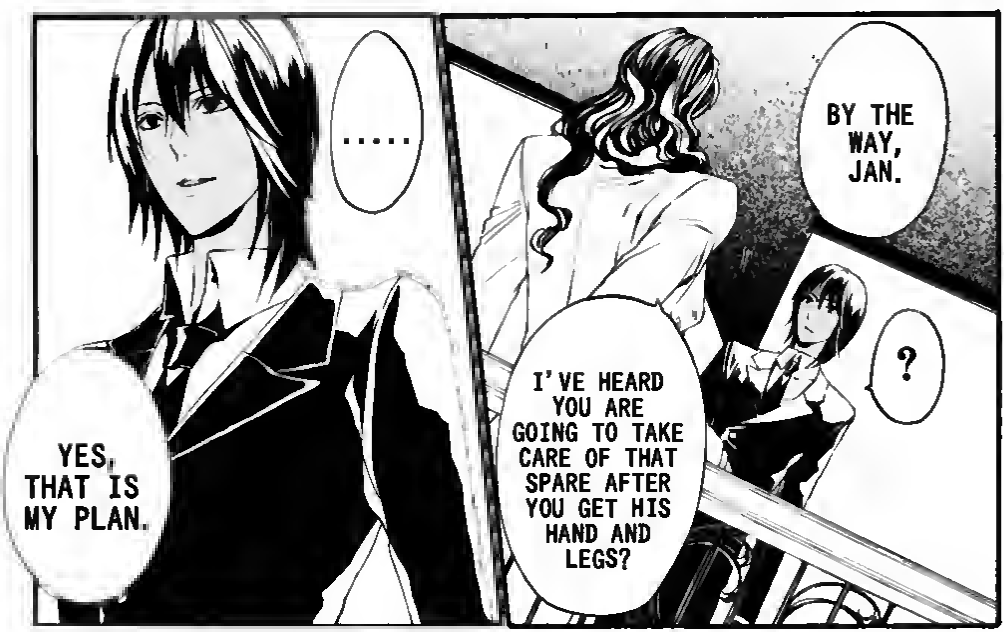
I HAD NO IDEA RENO CORP. HAS THIS MANY EMPLOYEES ...
I THOUGH I CAN FIND EASILY IF JANIS KNEW ABOUT THE PERSON.
HE IS NOT THE ONE AGAIN ...
KNOCK KNOCK
SIR ES...
YES.
IF I FIND SOME INFORMATION HE'LL VISIT ME TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND...
TO SEE FON AGAIN.
....
I WANT ...
SHUT.
HE'S PROBABLY HAVING HARD TIME NOW.
FON SEEMED TO BE IN RUSH TO FIND HIM...
SIR JANIS HAS RETURNED.

WELCOME BACK, BROTHER.
I WILL TAKE YOUR BAGGAGE, SIR.
I'M HOME.
ES.
THANKS.
GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM. I'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY.
YES.
I'LL BE IN ES'S ROOM TILL THE DINNER.
SO WILL YOU CALL ME WHEN FATHER COMES BACK?
UNDER-STOOD, SIR.
WOW, IT'S JAN!!

LONG TIME NO SEE.
YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH!
ARE YOU FINALLY BECAME AS TALL AS ME?
BROTHER...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SAW YOU.
HUH...
THAT MEANS YOUR BODY WILL STOP GROWING SOON?
YES. I'M ALREADY TWENTY.
THAT'S GREAT, THEN.


YES.
HUH... THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT TROUBLESOME HEALTH MANAGEMENT AS WELL.
YOU'LL GET THE PERMANENT LIMBS FROM THAT SPARE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CUT AND PUT BACK ... THE PROSTHESISES ANYMORE.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YES, THAT IS MY PLAN.
BY THE WAY, JAN.
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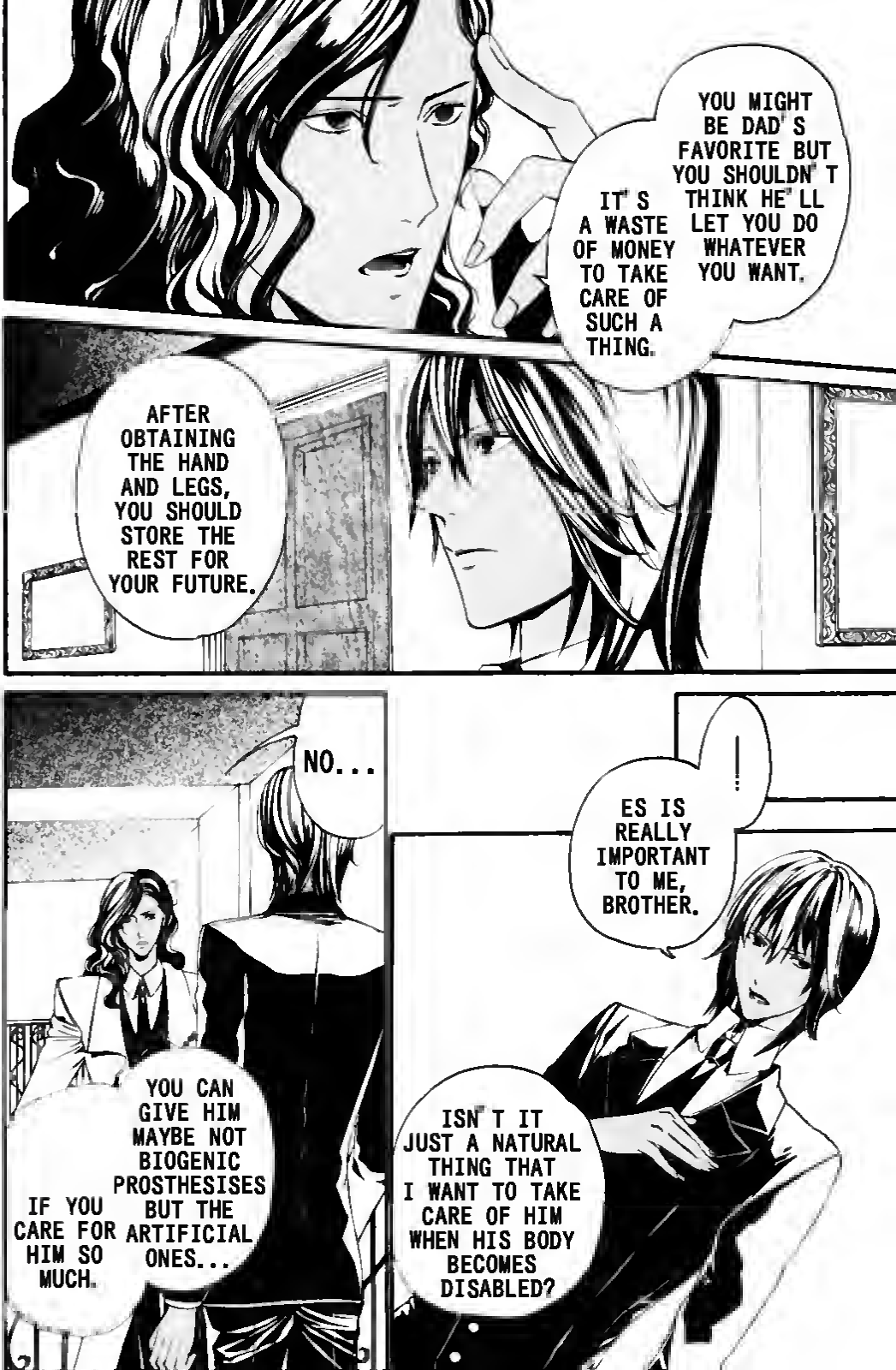
I'VE HEARD YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT SPARE AFTER YOU GET HIS HAND AND LEGS?


YOU MIGHT BE DAD'S FAVORITE BUT YOU SHOULDN'T THINK HE'LL LET YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF SUCH A THING.
AFTER OBTAINING THE HAND AND LEGS, YOU SHOULD STORE THE REST FOR YOUR FUTURE.
NO...
YOU CAN GIVE HIM MAYBE NOT BIOGENIC PROSTHESISES BUT THE ARTIFICIAL ONES...
IF YOU CARE FOR HIM SO MUCH.
ES IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME, BROTHER.
!
ISN'T IT JUST A NATURAL THING THAT I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM WHEN HIS BODY BECOMES DISABLED?

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HE'S A CONVENIENT PET OF YOURS, ISN'T HE?
THAT IS A...
BUT YOU'VE BEEN ALWAYS THE STRANGE ONE SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD, ALTHOUGH I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF THAT SPARE THAT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE YOU...
I UNDERSTAND THE CRUEL REALITY OF LOSING LEGS.
YOU WERE LUCKY.
IF YOU DIDN'T FORGET SOMETHING AT HOME, YOU MIGHT ALSO...

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I'M SORRY JAN...
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU SAID SUCH A WEIRD THING.
THAT WAS AN UNFORTU-NATE ACCIDENT.
THE CAR YOU WERE IN GOT AN ACCIDENT AND...
I DIDN'T GET ON IT BY CHANCE.
THAT IS TRUE, BROTHER.
I'M SORRY FOR GOING TOO FAR WITH THAT AS WELL.
BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT I THE SUCCESSOR OF THIS HOUSE DIDN'T GET IN THE ACCIDENT.
I DON'T EVEN WANNA IMAGINE GETTING CELL NECROSIS SYNDROME WITH BIOGENIC PROSTHESIS...
OF COURSE, I CAN EASILY SAY IT NOW BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE SPARE.

.....
YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW YOUR FACE THERE EVENTUALLY AS A MEMBER OF RENO FAMILY.
YOU CAN STILL COME BACK AS MY RIGHT-HAND MAN AFTER THE MILITARY SCHOOL, RIGHT?
WELL ...
FATHER AND I ARE GOING TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY FOR A NEW ARTIFICIAL BODY.
I FEEL BAD FOR YOU BUT ...
LETTING THE SPARE PART WONDER ABOUT THE HOUSE CREEPS ME OUT.
HUH...
I WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY OF THE TREATMENT TOWARD SPARE CLONES AFTER I SUCCEEDED FATHER.
?
BROTHER.
HE CAN'T BE THE ONE...

BE CAREFUL WALKING AROUND IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND AT NIGHT.
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HI, JANIS ...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR CHEEK IS RED ...
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AH... IT'S NOTHING.
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....
WHAT'S GOING ON ALL OF A SUDDEN? I KNOW THAT.

WERE YOU PAINTING AGAIN?
YEAH... IT'S DAWN ON THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.

I WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR A CAT. THE ONE WITH A BLUE RIGHT EYE AND A GREEN LEFT EYE.
COULDN'T FIND HIM THOUGH...
WERE YOU OUTSIDE AT THE LATE HOUR?
I SEE ...

WHEN I WENT TO THE PLACE I SKETCH ALL THE TIME...
I SAW THE BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE.

....
COME HERE.
MY OTHER SELF WHO LOVES ONLY ME ...
ES...

IT STARTED FROM THE CAR ACCIDENT ON THE WAY TO THE OPERA HOUSE ...
THE DRIVER DIED INSTANTLY. I WHO WAS SITTING ON THE REAR SEAT LOST THE MOST OF LIMBS BUT MY LIFE WAS SAFE.
MY FATHER TIGHTLY HELD MY REMAINING LEFT HAND AND WEPT.
AND MY BROTHER ...
OH, GODDESS... WHY THIS HAS TO HAPPEN TO MY JANIS ...
COULDN'T LOOK STRAIGHT AT ME.
.....
COLLECT HIS GENE AND CREATE A BIOGENIC SPARE RIGHT AWAY.
USE GROWTH STIMULANT MIGHT BE TOO FORCIBLE BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!
BIOGENIC SPARE...
WILL THAT FIX ME...?

EVERY TIME I VISITED THE LABO FOR THE HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE. THE AGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND I WERE GETTING CLOSER.
THE FIRST TIME WHEN I SAW HIM, HE WAS STILL A FETUS.
HE LOOKED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM MYSELF.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HE WAS MY CLONE BACK THEN.
A LITTLE ME WAS KEEP SLEEPING IN THE SOLUTION.

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ALTHOUGH HE HAS TO WAIT A LONG TIME TO USE IT AS A SPARE BODY.
I THINK HE IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
HE'S BEEN VISITING MORE THAN JUST MAINTE-NANCE DAYS LATELY ...
AND JUST GAZE HIM FOR A WHILE.

WHEN I BECAME FOURTEEN
...
I SAW MYSELF IN THE TANK.
HE IS LONELY...
THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND HIM BUT THE THICK GLASS WAS BLOCKING EVERYTHING FROM HIM.
HE WAS CULTIVATED AS MY SPARE.
HE WOULD NEVER SEE THE WORLD OR BEING HUGGED BY SOMEONE. WITHOUT KNOWING HAPPINESS OR SADNESS...

I WANT TO LET HIM OUT OF THE TANK...
I WANT TO SEE HIM SMILE.
I WANT TO TALK TO HIM.
THE OTHER ME WHO WAS BORN WITH THE BLESSING OF GODDESS OF MT. GENAM.
I AM THE ONLY GOD TO HIM.
EVEN A TINY EXPERIENCE WILL BE A NEW CHANGE FOR HIM.

I WANT TO BE THE ONLY ONE TO SUPPORT HIM.
I CAN'T LET THAT MAN SUCCEED FATHER...
FOR ES'S SAKE AS WELL.
I DON'T NEED ANY OTHER BROTHER IF I HAVE YOU.
IF YOU LOOK ONLY AT ME...
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I SAW ES...
I HEARD HE IS A CLONE... A PERFECT SPARE OF YOURS.
NAME
MICHAEL SHEFFIELD
SHUT
LIST OF THE EMPLOYEES ...?
ES...
HOW MUCH DO YOU OPEN UP YOUR HEART TO FON?
...?

YEAH...
THAT'S ALRIGHT. YOU MUST BE TIRED.
UH... I'M SORRY.
I FELL ASLEEP.
EVEN I WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU.
LATELY...
THROB...
...!
YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING SOMETHING UNTIL LATE AT NIGHT? I HEARD IT FROM DAD.

ES...
I HEARD YOU MET FON.
..YES.

KNOCK
KNOCK
SIR JANIS.
SIR ES.
DINNER IS READY.
.....
I SEE ...
I WAS SURPRISED BECAUSE THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU GET CLOSE TO SOMEONE BESIDES ME.
THE DAY I WENT TO LOOK FOR THE CAT...
I MET FON BY CHANCE IN AN ALLEY.
HE SAID YOU TOLD HIM TO VISIT THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND IF HE WANTS TO FIND SOMEONE.
....
JANIS, I...
OKAY, WE GOT IT.
WE'LL BE THERE IN A MINUTE.

YEAH...
THAT'S ALRIGHT. LET'S GO EAT.

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I WONDER WHAT FON IS DOING NOW...
....

HEY, ES.

EH...?
COME TO MY ROOM AFTER DINNER.

LET'S PLAY CHESS.
.....

IF I GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND AGAIN...
I SHOULD FIND THEIR INFORMATION.
IS THE BUS COMING SOON?
I WILL DEFINITELY FIND THEM.
.....
FON.
HUH?

KE...?
JA...
CLACK
WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TAKE IT OFF NOW!!
NO... YOU'LL RUN AWAY IF I DON'T DO THIS MUCH.
AND I LEFT THE KEY IN OUR ROOM.
WHAT THE HELL!?
YOU PROMISED TO...
TAKE ME WHEN YOU ARE GOING OUT.

WHEN YOU GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND, YOU HAVE TO TAKE ME WITH YOU.
HEY, THE BUS IS HERE,
ARE YOU CRAZY? MY HANDS ARE HAND-CUFFED...
YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND, DON'T YOU?
....!
HUH?

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HE ALWAYS TAKES A FORCIBLE METHOD...
YEAH.
I'M GOING.
WHRRRR...

CHAPTER
15

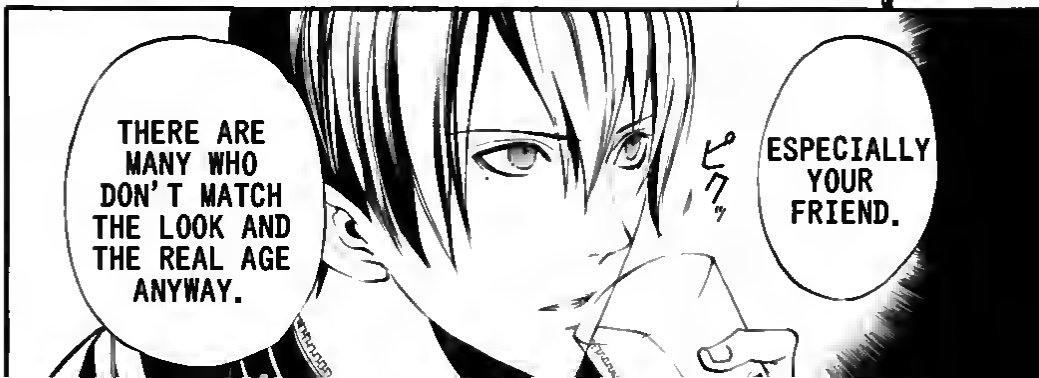
HEY, BLONDIE.
...?
!
SORRY BUT...
PULL
WOW, JAKE!
IF YOU HAVEN'T FOUND THE GIRL FOR TONIGHT, I'M OPEN.
LUCKY ME... HE'S HAND-SOME.
....
SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU...
DISTURBING US...?
YOU SILLY, YOU CAN'T COMPETE WITH THAT.

CAN YOU TAKE THESE OFF SOMEHOW? I WON'T RUN AWAY.
JAKE.
SORRY, FON.
I FORGOT ABOUT THE CUFFS AND PULLED YOU HARD.
NOPE. I WON'T TAKE THEM OFF UNTIL WE GO BACK TO THE DORM.
.....

LET'S HAVE A DRINK TONIGHT. I'LL BUY YOU A JUICE.
YOU CAN'T GET ANY INFORMATION IF YOU JUST GO IN AND ASK.
.....
JAKE, I'VE BEEN TO SO MANY BARS...
BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY...
ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BREAK IF HE BECOME AGGRESSIVE.
WELL, THEN LET'S START FROM BARS.
BARS?

VERY UNCON-FORTABLE...
!!

I KIND OF LIKE COMING TO THE BAR LIKE THIS SOMETIMES TOO.
DRINKING WITH MANY OTHERS IS FUN BUT...
THANKS.
YOU GUYS LOOK RATHER YOUNG.
IT'S PRETTY CROWDED HERE.
ARE YOU GUYS ALWAYS BUSY LIKE THIS ON A WEEKDAY?
OH, YEAH.
MOST OF THEM ARE REGULARS COMING IN AFTER WORK.


THERE ARE MANY WHO DON'T MATCH THE LOOK AND THE REAL AGE ANYWAY.
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ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIEND.

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
BUT THERE ARE NOT MANY WITH A GREAT QUALITY HUMAN AS YOURS.
YEAH, THEY BRING MANY KIND OF ARTIFICIAL HUMANS.
IS THERE ANY COMPANY MEMBER OF ARTIFICIAL HUMAN MARKET IN YOUR REGULARS?
CALM DOWN.
BECAUSE JAKE, HE SAID I AM AN...
FON...
HUH.
...
SORRY ABOUT THAT THEN.
I THOUGHT HE IS A FULL ORDER BECAUSE HE IS PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL.
NO WAY!
DON'T KID US. HE IS A NATURAL HUMAN.

A BLONDIE WITH GREEN EYES ISN'T UNUSUAL.
YOU STAND OUT TOO, JAKE.
...IT OOESN'T FEEL GOOD.
JUST PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAT KIND OF THINGS ...
YOU ARE EASY TO BE DOUBTED THAT YOU ARE AN ARTIFICIAL BY YOUR LOOK.
.....
DO YOU COME TO THIS KINO OF PLACE OFTEN?

I GOT A STRONG LIQUOR CAME IN TODAY. OO YOU WANNA TRY?
NO THANKS. I'M ACTUALLY NOT A BIG DRINKER.
ANYWAYS ...
THAT'LL OF COURSE MAKE A BARTENDER CAUTIOUS.
NERVOUS UNDERAGE BOYS COMING TO THE BAR WITHOUT DRINKING ...
THIS IS THE WAY TO FIND INFORMATION.
BARTENDERS WERE ALL BUSINESSLIKE WHEN ES AND I TALKED TO THEM...

IF SOME OF YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE HUMAN BUYERS ...
IS THERE AN EMPLOYEE OF ALBATROSS TECHNOLOGY?
ALBATROSS ...
THERE MIGHT BE...
...
BUT I DON'T REMEMBER ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS.
WELL, ENJOY YOURSELVES TONIGHT ...
YOU KNOW WHAT?
CAN I ACTUALLY HAVE THAT STRONG ONE?
I HEARD THEY ARE DOING PRETTY WELL LATELY.
BY JOINING RENO CORP.
RENO?
WHAT'S RENO CORP...

BASURTO ?
AN OLD MEDIATION OF DESIGNED BABIES.
IT'S RUMORED THAT HE IS ONE OF THE BOSSES IN THE BLACK MARKET.
RENO CORP IS THE NUMBER ONE INFLUENTIAL COMPANY THESE DAYS.
ALBATROSS CHOSE THE BIGGER SUPPORT.
BUT OLD BASURTO IS NOT HAPPY WITH THAT.

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THERE PROBABLY IS GOING TO BE A FIGHT SOON.
THIS GUY...
IT'S A WELL-KNOWN STORY HERE THAT BASURTO IS ONE OF THE BOSSES.
HE IS UPSET THAT RENO CORP HAS TAKEN IN HIS BUSINESS COMPETITOR.
A BOSS OF THE BLACK MARKET?
BLACK MARKET IS FORMED AND MANAGED BY SEVERAL INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN A COUNCIL SYSTEM.
BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHO THE BOSSES ARE...

I REMEMBER YOUR EYES.
YOU WERE SEARCHING AROUND THE BARS THE OTHER DAY.
I AM MAGGE BATTLE FROM DAILY OPINION.
A JOURNALIST IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND. NICE TO MEET YOU.
Magge Battle
WHO ARE YOU?
JOURNALIST IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND ...
...!! THAT'S A...
AH ...
SOME KIND OF HOBBY...?
I SEE... YOU ARE SEARCHING DESIGNED BABY COMPANY FOR YOURSELVES?
NO. THAT'S NOT THE REASON.
WE ARE TRYING TO FIND SOMEBODY.
WE PUT THIS NOT TO LOSE EACH OTHER IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.

MILITARY ACADEMY ...
THE SECOND SON OF RENO CORP FAMILY IS GOING THERE TOO.
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND?
YOU GUYS LOOK VERY YOUNG. ARE YOU STUDENTS?
WE ARE IN THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

ONE OF... THE BOSSES?
OH YEAH, THE SECOND SON'S NAME IS JANIS ...
I GUESS RENO REALLY IS JANIS'S FAMILY.
IT'S RUMORED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF RENO FAMILY, GARBO RENO IS ONE OF THE BOSSES IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.

REALLY ...?
NOT ONLY AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON...
THEY ARE THE ONES WHO MANAGE THE BLACK MARKET.
JANIS' FATHER IS ...A BOSS OF THE BLACK MARKET?
HEY, MAGGE. DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?
PORTRAITS ?
YEAH... HE IS THE CEO OF ALBATROSS TECHNOLOGY.
WELL, THEN THE OTHER ONE IS...
!
.....

HE IS AN ON-SITE COMMANDER.
ALL THE AGENTS IN THE BLACK MARKET ARE ARTIFICIAL HUMANS. THEY DO ANYTHING FOR A CONFLICT RESOLUTION.
HE IS ONE OF THE SERGEANTS WHO IS IN CHARGE TO GIVE ORDER AGENTS IN THE BLACK MARKET.
WHY?
DON'T GET NEAR THIS GUY,
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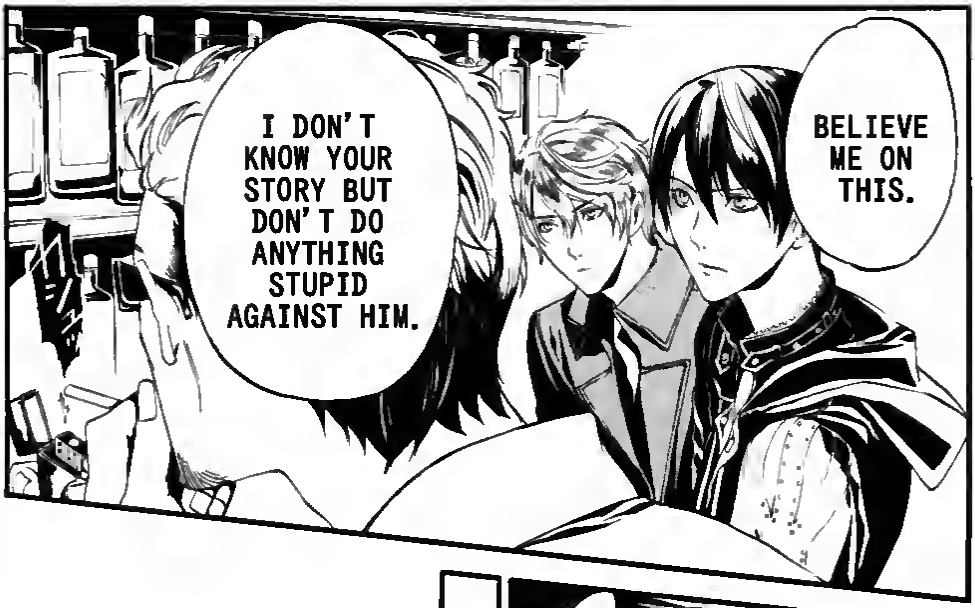
I DON'T KNOW YOUR STORY BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID AGAINST HIM.
BELIEVE ME ON THIS.

CREAK...
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE LONGER.

FON.
THIS IS WAY MORE COMPLICATED THAN I EXPECTED.
DON'T FORGET TO WEAR THE HOOD.
.....
RENO CORP AND THAT MAN...?
ARE RENO FAMILY AND THAT MAN CONNECTED...?
RENO FAMILY TOOK A PART IN MURDERING MY PARENTS...?
THE GUY WHO KILLED MY PARENTS IS THE SERGEANT WHO CONTROLS THE AGENTS OF THE BLACK MARKET ...?
JANIS IS A SON OF THE BLACK MARKET BOSS.

I WILL EVENTUALLY INHERIT MY FATHER'S COMPANY.
AND TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
.....
JANIS WAS SAYING ...
HE IS GOING TO INHERIT THE BOSS OF THE BLACK MARKET.
THE BLACK MARKET THAT I DESPISE ...?
WHY DON'T WE WORK TOGETHER, FORTINBRAS?

WE DON'T HAVE TO BE HERE ANY LONGER.
...?
....
YEAH.
WHAT A JOKE...!

EH..?
HEY! YOU!!
AREN'T YOU THE PEACOCK EYE GUY FROM THE OTHER DAY !?
!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO ASK JANIS TOO ...
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T REMEMBER US...
....
COME WITH US ...
YOU DIDN'T LEARN FROM LAST TIME?
THEY'RE THE ONES PICKING A FIGHT WITH FON.

FON!?
KIRIK

YOU
...
FREAKIN'
BASTARD
!!
!!

WHAT IS HAPPENING ...?
...!
BANG...

UGH...
STOP, FON!
JAKE...
LET'S GO!!
NO KIDDING!!

WHAT WAS THAT...!?
HE LOST CONTROL LIKE AN ANIMAL.
IF I DIDN'T STOP HIM, HE MIGHT HAVE KILLED THEM...!
WHAT HAPPENED TO FON...?

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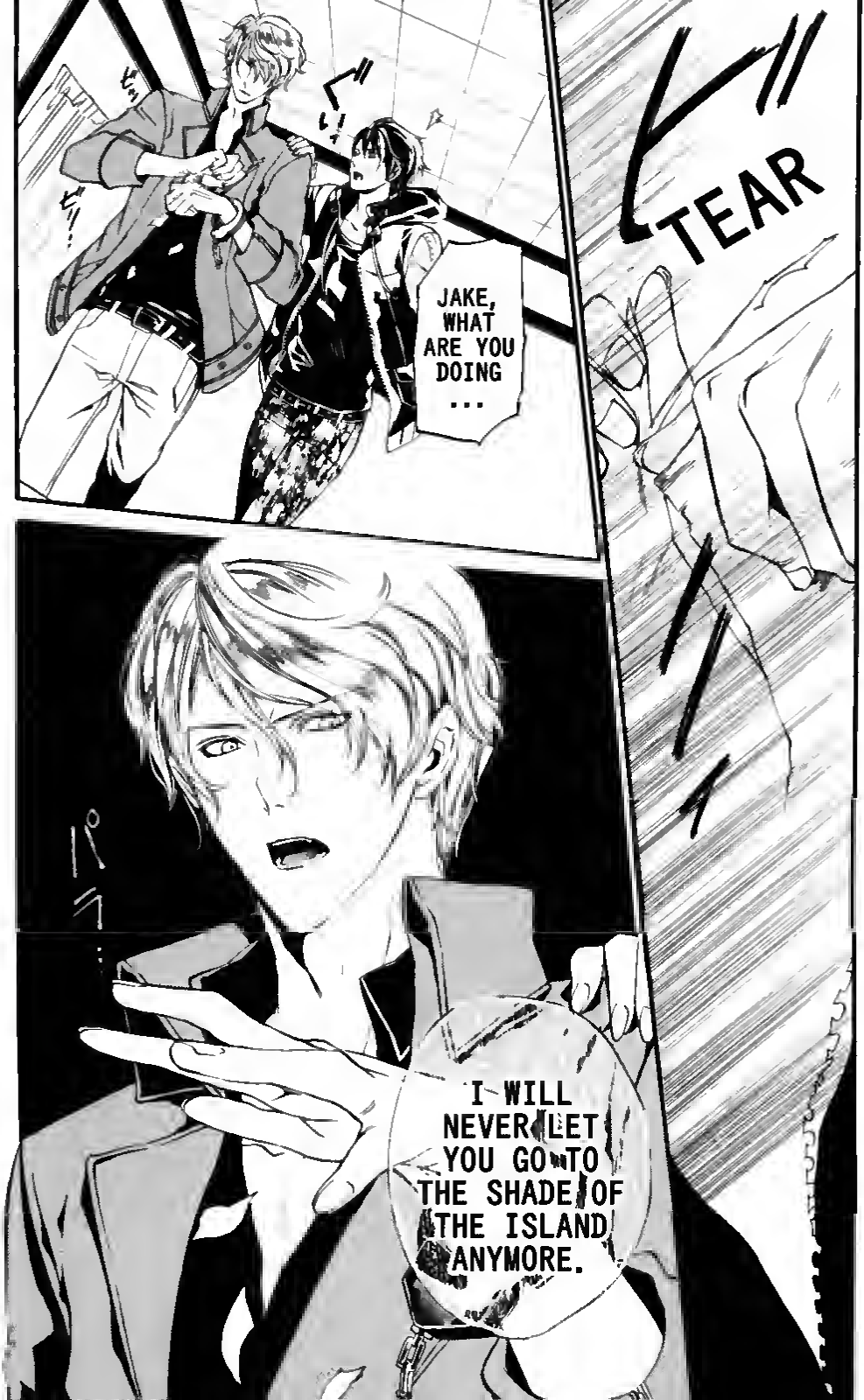
JAKE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...
TEAR
I WILL NEVER LET YOU GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND ANYMORE.

YOU SHOULDN'T GO THERE.
I'M COMPLETELY SERIOUS.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I FINALLY GOT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM FROM MAGGE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I REMEMBER THEIR FACES TO DRAW AGAIN,
..!
I HAVE TO QUICKLY TRACE THEM OTHER WISE...
DON'T EVER STEP INTO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND!
JUST FORGET ABOUT THEM!

YEAH, YOU ARE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE SO IRRITATED.
....
STRANGE ...?
WHY ARE YOU UPSET SO MUCH? YOU'RE ACTING STRANGE, JAKE.
!!
I WILL KEEP LOOKING FOR THOSE MEN BY MYSELF...
EVEN WITHOUT YOU...

JAKE
...

YOU GOT IT?
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I WILL TIE YOU UP ON THE BED.
NEXT TIME YOU TRY TO GO TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND…

.....
!
THERE ARE SOMETHING INCREDIBLE INSIDE OF FON.
IT' LL COMPLETELY CHANGE FON. SOONER OR LATER IF IT LET BE.
I CAN' T LET HIM GO ANY FURTHER ...

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AWARE OF IT BUT...
HE'S GOT SOMETHING ...SOME KIND OF SECRET.
WHAT COULD THAT BE?
DR. LITTENBER IS HIDING SOMETHING ...
WHY DID HE ADOPTED FON IN THE FIRST PLACE?
....
Maggie Bath

.....
DR. AND FON'S PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. MILFIELD ...
I NEED TO SEARCH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM.
IT'S RUMORED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF RENO FAMILY, GARBO RENO IS ONE OF THE BOSSES IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
JANIS IS A SON OF THE BOSS IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND?

THIS SHOULD NOT BE THE TRUE STORY.
JANIS ...
WHAT ARE YOU SEARCHING LATELY?
HEY, NICOLAS ...
CAN'T YOU STOP DOING SOMETHING WHILE YOU'RE EATING?

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IGNOR-
ING
...?
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HUMPH.
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
TELL ME
TOO?
FON IS
ACTING WEIRD
AND JAKE
DOESN'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.
CRUDUP
...
WAIT,
WAIT
...
I KNOW
YOU GUYS
PROBABLY
HAVE A
REASON TO
BE QUIET.
....
THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO FOR
YOU GUYS?
TWITCH

MY FAMILY HAD BEEN FISHING FOR LIVING IN GENERATIONS.
BUT YOU KNOW BECAUSE OF THE OCEAN POLLUTION A CENTURY AGO...
WE CAN'T PURSUE PROPER FISHERY NOW.
Y... YEAH.
ONCE THE GENETIC INDUSTRY WAS RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY ...
MOST OF THE PEOPLE WORKED IN THE FISHERY SWITCHED THEIR JOB.
EVEN THEN MY GRAND FATHER AND PARENTS DIDN'T GIVE UP ON FISHING.
SEAFOOD CAN BE EASILY CREATED THESE DAYS.
AND THE POLLUTED NATURAL SEAFOOD HAS NO VALUE...
WHILE MY MOTHER WAS SICK MY FATHER OVERWORKED AND BURSTED HIMSELF.
HE LEFT A LOT OF FAMILY BEHIND AND...
PAST AWAY.
AND...

....
FATHER WAS BARELY MAKING THE PAYMENT.
BUT THE AMOUNT WAS TOO BIG FOR ME TO PAY BACK. WHILE GOING TO A UNIVERSITY, I HAVE TO SUPPORT MANY SIBLINGS AND MY SICK MOTHER.
A LARGE AMOUNT OF DEPT.
A GUY WHO HAD AN EYE ON MY SISTER TOLD ME.
NICO-LAS ...
....
I'M TELLING YOU I'LL FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE DEBT WITH ONLY ONE GENE.
I'M NOT ASKING HER TO SELL HERSELF.
IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL FOR YOU.
I'LL BUY YOUR SISTER'S GENE.
WHAT A SHADY DEAL.

I KNEW HOW IT' LL BE USED FOR.
IT' S NOT THAT MY SISTER WILL BE SOLD...
BUT HER GENE WILL BE SOLD...
I REFUSE IT.
AREN' T YOU GOING TO A UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE OF THIS ISLAND?
WHO IS GOING TO PAY THIS ...
THIS IS NOT AN AMOUNT YOU CAN PAY BACK BY YOURSELF.
YOU SHOULD THINK AGAIN.
I DON' T CARE IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO BUY OR SELL GENES OR...
.....
I' M NOT GOING TO A UNI- VERSITY ...
I' LL START MORE JOBS.
TAKE AN ADVANTAGE OF IT AS A PRODUCT.
BUT I DON' T THROW MYSELF THERE.
I' LL FIND THE WAY TO PAYBACK THE DEBT.

I COULDN'T GET A GOOD JOB SO DIDN'T EARN MUCH BUT...
I THOUGHT I WAS PROTECTING MY FAMILY.
I DIDN'T CARE HOW THIS ISLAND SURVIVES,
ONLY IF IT'S NOT RELATED TO OUR FAMILY...
I WORKED HARD AND HARDLY TOOK TIME TO STUDY.
...
ALTHOUGH, CRUDUP...
...
NICHOLAS ...
I WAS WRONG.
I WAS WORKING TILL MORNING THAT DAY AS USUAL.
I SAW A WOMAN TRYING TO GET A CUSTOMER BY THE BAR.

EH?
Y... YOU!!
THAT IS...
THE WOMAN WHO WAS EXPOSING HER SKIN AND SMILING AT A MAN WAS MY SISTER.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I DON'T KNOW WHO TEMPTED YOU BUT STOP WITH THIS FOOLISHNESS.
AH!
?
LET'S GO HOME.
W... WAIT, YOU'RE HURTING ME...
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAYS?
...
HEY.

....
I WAS IN TOTAL SHOCK.
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO DIRECT THIS ANGER?
AH, DO YOU KNOW THIS FACE?
SOME CUSTOMER CALLS ME BY OTHER NAME...
ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?
...WHAT DID YOU SAY?
NO.
MY PARENTS WHO DIDN'T SWITCH THEIR JOB TO GENETIC INDUSTRY.
THE GUYS WHO LOOK AT MY SISTER WITH DISGUSTING INTENTION?
MYSELF WHO HAD BEEN BELIEVING I WAS PROTECTING MY FAMILY?
OR THE CLONE WOMAN WHO USES MY SISTER'S BODY TO GET CUSTOMERS?
THIS ISLAND'S SITUATION IS AT FAULT. IT'S ALLOWING SUCH A THING TO HAPPEN.
IF YOU DON'T ADAPT, YOU CAN'T LIVE... CAN'T REFUSE THE POWER.

HOW ABOUT THIS MILITARY ACADEMY, THEN?
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ANYTHING ABOUT GENETIC INDUSTRY ...
ME ...?
CRUDUP, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS ISLAND?
HAVE YOU EVER DOUBTED THIS SITUATION?
PARENT'S JOB OR INCOME DIVIDES US INTO GROUPS AND WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME INFLUENCE TO OUR VOICE.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WRONG TO DIVIDE PLATINE AND ELFENBEIN?
SO PLEASE TELL ME ... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
BUT I'M HOPING TO SUPPORT YOU GUYS IF POSSIBLE.
I'M NOT SMART ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND.
I'M SORRY.

SORRY, CRUDUP.
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT YET.
!
BUT THE TIME WILL COME EVENTUALLY.
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THIS COUNTRY MUST CHANGE FROM THE BASIC.
HEY, NICOLAS ...!

THE LEADER NEEDS TO BE THE PERFECT DIRECTOR WHO DOESN'T GIVE IN TO ANYTHING.
!
THERE'S NOBODY WHO IS BETTER PERSON THAN HIM.
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FORM A PLACE TO GATHER ANTIGOVERNMENT PEOPLE TO CRUSH THE SISSY POLITICS WITH HIS LEAD.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHANGE THIS ISLAND ...
TO THE COUNTRY WE CAN ESTABLISH THE POSITION BASED ON OUR REAL ABILITY WHEREVER WE CAME FROM.

FORTINBRAS.
GREAT TIMING ...
I WAS ABOUT TO VISIT YOUR ROOM.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ...
!!

I CAME TO VISIT YOUR ROOM.
JANIS ...?
IS JANIS IN THE ROOM?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO WITH THAT SABER?

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
JANIS...

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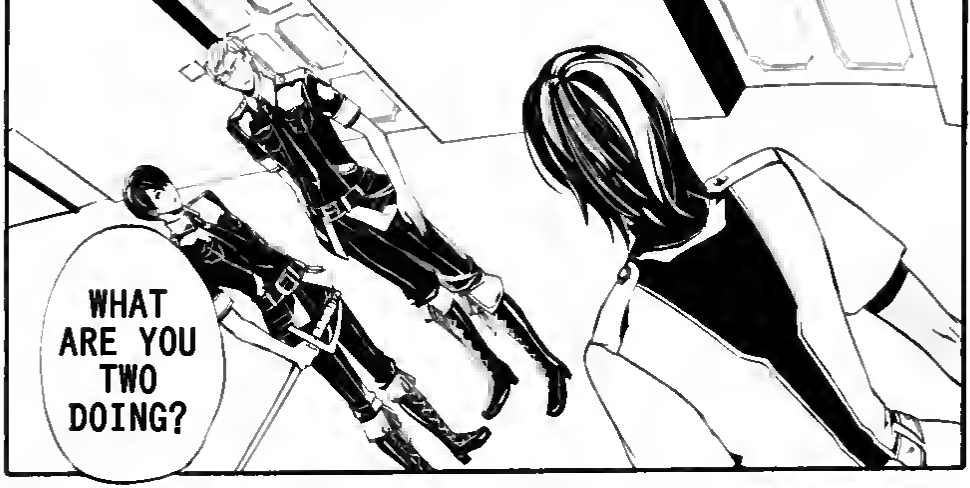
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?

...
JANIS ...
WHY DON'T YOU... GO INTO THE ROOM AND TALK?

...?
I HAVE ...
SOME-THING TO ASK YOU.

THE PERSON YOU KNEW WAS...
CEO OF ALBATROSS TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, IAN RATZENBERG ...
IS THAT RIGHT?
....
A MEDIATOR OF THE DESIGNED BABY REMARKABLY ACHIEVING GOOD RESULT LATELY.
BUYING GENE FROM THE WORLD TOP LEVEL INTELLIGENT PEOPLE WITH LOTS OF MONEY ...
AND SPECIALIZED IN CREATING HIGH IQ BABIES TO GET ATTENTIONS OF FOREIGN WEALTHY FAMILIES. THEY SUCCEEDED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FROM COMPETITORS.
I HEARD THEY'RE ALSO TEAMING UP WITH AGENTS TO AGGRESSIVELY WIDEN OUT THEIR MARKET IN THE ISLAND ...
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

I LOOKED UP.
SO MUCH DETAILS.
THEIR SALES SUDDENLY STARTED GOING UP.
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ...?
THAT USED TO BE A SMALL MEDIATOR.
BUT...
AFTER THEY WERE TAKEN OVER BY THE MAJOR CORPORATION IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND ...
.....

SELL OUT GENIUS TO THE WORLD...
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?
WELL ...
I GUESS THAT MEANS IT'S NEEDED.

WHAT IF PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST ...
THAT KIND OF BUSINESS STAND UP IN FRONT OF YOU...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO !?
....
DO I HAVE TO ANSWER?
YEAH.
!

!
AND DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER...
YOU DO HAVE TO ANSWER.

...?
FORTINBRAS!
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NICOLAS?
!
THANKS.

I LEFT THIS SABER AT THE SHOP TO REPAIR.
INSTRUCTOR WAS TELLING ME TO PICK UP BUT YOU BROUGHT IT FOR ME.
!?
HUH...?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING...
I'VE BEEN FORGETTING ABOUT IT.
.....

JANIS.
.....
NICOLAS.
I'M GOING AWAY FOR A LITTLE MORE.
FORTIN-BRAS...
....
WILL YOU RESPECT MY ROOMMATE'S CONCERN TODAY?
WHAT IS MAKING YOU NERVOUS SO MUCH?

NICO-
LAS.
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK TO ME?
WHAT IS IT?
AH.
.....
STOP FON'S MIND, NICOLAS.
.....

...I CAN TALK SOME DAY LATER.
NO WORRIES.
I SEE.

!
THUNDER
...
FON.

....
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WHAT DID YOU USE MILITARY SABER FOR ?
JAKE ...
...
DID YOU... GO SEE JANIS?
I WANT TO SLEEP ALREADY ...
SORRY, JAKE...
...?
FON?

....
....
CAN'T YOU SLEEP YET?
BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU ...
AFRAID OF THUNDER?

LITTLE ONE?
...NO. I'M NOT AFRAID OF THUNDER. I JUST CAN'T FALL ASLEEP.
YOU EXCUSE LIKE MY LITTLE ONE.
I HAVE MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THE YOUNGEST ONE IS STILL SEVEN YEAR OLD.
AND THAT LITTLE ONE IS AFRAID OF THUNDER BUT HE BLUFFS LIKE THAT.
I'M TELLING YOU IT'S NOT...
IT'S NOT THE SAME ...
BUT HE EVENTUALLY COMES IN MY BED...

GO TO SLEEP SOON, OKAY?
...YOU'RE FINE IF YOU GOT THAT MUCH ENERGY.
IT IS TOLD THAT THE THUNDER IS FIRST CRY OF THE LIFE GODDESS DELIVERED ...
IS THE THUNDER EQUALLY ROARS FOR ARTIFICIAL HUMANS TOO?
YOU CAN'T FALL ASLEEP?

I TRIED TO SLEEP BUT NIGHTMARE WOKE ME UP.
SCARED TO BE ALONE.
NIGHT-MARE?
MAY I PLEASE SLEEP IN THIS ROOM? I'LL SLEEP ON THE COUCH.
I WAS IN THE WATER AND COULDN'T BREATHE.
I HAVE TO TAKE A GOOD SLEEP FOR THIS BODY...
....
OKAY. COME IN.
BUT YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU SLEEP ON THE COUCH.
COME HERE.

YOUR HAIR IS TOO LONG.
I'LL CUT IT TOMORROW.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR JANIS.
BUT ...
...HEY.
WILL YOU STOP CALLING ME SIR JANIS?
THE WAY YOU SPEAK IS TOO FORMAL.
YOU MIGHT BE MY SPARE BUT I FEEL WEIRD TO HEAR THAT FROM MY OWN FACE.

TRY IT.
LIKE A BROTHER ...
THEN HOW SHOULD I CALL YOU...
BROTHER ...
JANIS.
BROTHER JANIS.
BROTHER ?
....

I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE MY BROTHER.
MY BROTHER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PROTECT ME.
THUNDER DOESN'T STOP ROARING ...
AND ...
EVEN I WAS CREATED AS AN ARTIFICIAL SPARE...
IF I ESCAPE FROM HERE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO START A LIFE AS A HUMAN LIKE YOU SAID.
BUT WHEN I GO THERE ...
MY MIND WILL BE RELEASED AS WELL?
!
FON...
YOU TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD BE RELEASED.

....
IN ORDER TO SAVE MY BROTHER ...
STOP.
FOR NOW ...
I NEED TO FOCUS ON FINDING THE PERSON FON IS LOOKING FOR.
CLICK
CLICK..

THE NEXT CLASS IS... COMPUTER PROGRAM.
I'LL PROBABLY FALL ASLEEP SITTING FOR THE WHOLE TIME AFTER LUNCH.
JAKE ...
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE CLASS MORE SERIOUSLY?
WHAT'S UP, FON?
MAYOR'S BRIBERY?
HE HAS A TALENT FOR FIREARMS MORE THAN ANYBODY THOUGH...
IS THAT THE TRUE STORY? EVEN MAYOR GETS PAID WAY MORE THAN WE DO?
MAYOR ZICKLER IS LINKED TO BRIBERY...
IF HE'S GOT SO MUCH MONEY TO WASTE, I WANT HIM TO SPEND IT FOR THIS SCHOOL'S REPAIR.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
?

BUT IT'S VERY FAMOUS IN OUR CLASS.
FON?
WHO DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM ...?
FO... MR. FORTIN-BRAS !?
HE TEAMED UP WITH SOMEONE IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND AND SOLD DEFECTIVE GENE.
I CHECK NEWS EVERYDAY BUT...
I NEVER HEARD THAT REPORT.
WHO ...?
THAT CAN'T BE...
....
IT MIGHT BE REPORTED WHILE YOU WEREN'T CHECKING.
....
THEN, IT'S JUST A RUMOR.
A RUMOR...

MAYOR ZICKLER'S BRIBERY... SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE RUMOR WENT AROUND...
....
HUH ...?
..... WHAT'S WRONG, JAKE? WE'RE IN A CLASS, YOU KNOW?
THE NEWS THAT WAS JUST UPDATED ...
SAYS MAYOR ZICKLER WAS ARRESTED FOR BRIBERY.
THE RUMOR BECAME TRUE.

WHAT A COINCI-DENCE ...
THAT MIGHT NOT BE A COINCI-DENCE.
I GUESS SOME REPORTER WHO HAD HEARD THE RUMOR TRACED IT.
WASN'T THIS RUMORED A WHILE AGO?
AS YOU SAID, IT WASN'T REPORTED UP TILL NOW.
MOST OF THE REPORTER DOESN'T MAKE A MOVE IF THERE'S NO RELIABILITY.
SOMEBODY WHO IS GOOD AT HACKING?
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HACKING ...
THIS PERSON KNOWS WHERE TO PUSH IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MOVE.
I FEEL THE PURPOSE.
SOMEBODY GOT AN INFORMATION THAT IS HARD FOR REPORTERS TO GAIN.
MAYBE SOME DATA ABOUT BRIBERY FLOWED OUT...
BUT WHO WOULD DO THAT?

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK TO YOU.
NICOLAS ?
FON. NICOLAS IS GOOD AT COMPUTER PROGRAM. WASN'T HE?
YEAH, HE IS. BUT SO WHAT?
.....
WHAT'S THAT?

!...
I kn
CRUDUP
...?

CLICK
CLICK...
...
OKAY.
DOWNLOAD IS DONE ...
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WHAT IS THIS LIST?
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WHAT ...
THIS VOICE IS...
I KNEW IT WAS YOU.
NICOLAS.
.....
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THIS LIST ...
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO DISGRACE THIS TIME?
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FORTIN-BRAS.
JACQUES TOO.
...HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?
...!
CRUDUP, YOU DID ...!?

I COULDN'T JUST WAIT ...
YOU SAID YOU'RE GONNA EVENTUALLY TELL ME BUT...
I'M SORRY!
I SEE.
SO WHEN I FOLLOWED YOU, I SAW YOU CAME INTO UNUSED LIBRARY.
I WAS CHECKING YOU SINCE THEN.
THEN.
....
WAS TODAY'S BRIBERY NEWS YOUR WORK?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANING TO DO BY HACKING THE PRIVATE DATA OF THE SENATES?
YEAH, THAT WAS.
I DID THAT.

I CAN'T ADAPT TO THIS ISLAND'S SITUATION.
I JUST THOUGHT SO...
THE MAYOR AND SENATES... WHO COMMITTED AN INJUSTICE NEED TO BE PUNISHED.
WHY ARE YOU DOING SUCH A THING?
....
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OF COURSE.
THAT MEANS YOU ARE EXPECTING THE WORST?
YOU ARE RIGHT BUT WHAT YOU DID WAS AN ILLEGAL ACTION.

I'M NOT REGRETTING.
EVEN IF WE FEEL SOME AWKWARDNESS ...
THERE'S NOT MANY PEOPLE CAN SPEAK OUT LOUD ABOUT IT.
AFTER FON LEFT THE ROOM...
THERE WERE NOT ONLY NICOLAS WHO FELT BETTER.
I REALIZED WHEN YOU CRITICISE THE SYSTEM OF THIS MILITARY. ...
WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS AS IT IS.
JAKE ...

WHAT NICOLAS IS DOING IS NOT WRONG.
PUNISHING WITH YOUR OWN HANDS ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO REVENGE.
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY WAY TO REVENGE, FON...
....

....
I UNDER-STOOD YOU GUYS' THOUGHTS.
I WON'T STOP NICOLAS.
FORTIN-BRAS.
YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE FOUND.
CAUSE YOUR SKILL IS CERTAIN.
BUT ...

IN ANY CASE, I WON'T GIVE YOU GUYS ANY TROUBLE...
YEAH... I KNOW.
IF YOU CONTINUE THIS CYBER TERROR...
SHERIFFS UNDER CONGRESSMEN WILL START SEARCHING.
THERE'S A BIG POSSIBILITY THAT THEY CAN SPECIFY THE PERSON FROM THOSE.
ACTIVE TIME AND YOUR BEHAVIOR PATTERN.
HABIT ...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.
I KNOW THAT WELL.

....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT I'M SAYING IS YOU SHOULD PREPARE MORE CAREFULLY AND THREATEN THEM.

FON, ARE YOU ...?
FROM NOW ...
THIS FOUR OF US ...
FOUR OF US WILL ACT TOGETHER FROM NOW ON.
FORM AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.

AM I IN-VOLVED ?
EH?
FOUR MEANS ...
...
IS THERE ANYBODY OPPOSE TO THIS IDEA?
NO... HE ALSO HEARD THE WHOLE THING.
!
IS THERE A PROBLEM, NICOLAS?
OF COURSE
WE WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE THIS COUNTRY. THERE SHOULD BE A NAME TO DISPLAY.
WELL, LET'S DECIDE THE NAME OF THE ORGANI-ZATION.
....
THEN, IT'S FIXED.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA, JAKE?
NAME ...
WELL ...
HOW ABOUT "ELEPHANT'S TUSK" ?
WE SHOULD COME UP WITH A NAME THAT IS NOT RELATED WITH US.
...
ELE-PHANT'S TUSK ...?
JACQUES ...
THAT'S TOO EASY TO ASSOCIATE WITH ELFEN-BEIN.
LET'S DECIDE ON THAT ONE.

WE BARE OUR TUSKS FROM INSIDE OF THE MILITARY.
IT'S A GOOD NAME TO WARN THEM TOO.
SINCE THAT DAY, FOUR OF US...
OUR RESISTANCE IS FAR FROM A TUSK OF AN ELEPHANT. IT'S MORE LIKE A TUSK OF AN ANT.
EXCHANGE INFORMATION IN THIS LIBRARY AND...
BUT OUR PERSISTENT HACKING TO THE SYSTEM...
STARTED UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES USING INTERNET...
STARTED TO STAGNATE THE ILLEGALLY FINANCED STORES THAT PEOPLE IN HIGH PLACES ... OWN IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.

...
WITHOUT REVENGING SOMEBODY ...
I HOPE YOUR HATRED WILL FADE LITTLE BY LITTLE.
NICOLAS. WILL YOU TRY TO GO IN THIS SITE?
I WANT A DEALING RECORD FILE.
I SEE. LET ME TRY.
WELL ...
AH ...
WHAT'S UP, JAKE?
ARE YOU DONE WITH THE TALLY ?
RIGHT, FON?
HEY, GUYS...
I JUST GOT THIS INFOR-MATION.
.....

PLATINE STUDENT WAS PLEASED THAT HE COULD GET CHEAP BLANK BODY.
...
BECAUSE WE DISGRACED THE CONGRESSMAN ...
AN ATELIER IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND HAS CLOSED DOWN.
AND SO...
THE MOST OF THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING ORIGINALS WERE THROWN AWAY.
THROW AWAY MEANS ...
BANG...
!
FON?

I WILL ...
GO GET A NEW DISK IN MY ROOM.
EVEN IF WE CLOSE DOWN ONE ATELIER, ANOTHER ONE WILL OPEN...
OUR ATTACK TO THE LARGE BLACK MARKET IS ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET.
HE DOESN'T HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST NON-NATURAL HUMANS.
BUT ...
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
TRAGEDY INCREASES AS THE NUMBERS OF ARTIFICIAL HUMANS.
IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE PRODUCING NUMBERS, RESTRAINING AND REDUCING THE MARKET SCALE IS THE ABSOLUTE CONDITION.
ALTHOUGH SINCE PEOPLE ARE KEEP DEMANDING IT... POLITICAL PRESSURE IS REQUIRED AFTER ALL.

HMM...
THERE'S A NEW E-MAIL.
WHO IS THAT FROM?
....
WHAT...
...!

REALLY?
...?
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...
IS ANYTHING WRONG, JAKE?
FON HASN'T BEEN BACK YET.
IT'S BEEN AN HOUR SINCE HE WENT TO THE ROOM.

AREN'T YOU LITTLE OVERPRO-TECTIVE, JAKE?
FON IS NOT A CHILD.
AAH. HE MIGHT BE DOING SOMETHING ELSE.
....
DO YOU THINK HE WOULD GO SOMEWHERE WHEN YOU ARE NOT LOOKING?
AH... HEY, JAKE!!
DID HE !!?
WOW.
...!
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DAMN IT!
I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH HIM ...!
FON!
AREN'T YOU HERE?
HIS PC...
HE WAS WAITING AN E-MAIL FROM SOMEBODY ...
...

...ES? WHO IS ES?
THAT BASTARD ...!!
THE MAN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR...
I FOUND WHERE HE IS.

WAIT, JAKE!
I CAN'T LET YOU USE IT WITHOUT PERMISSION AT THIS HOUR.
I'M ON THE DUTY TONIGHT.
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO A MILITARY CAR...?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
I WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSI-BILITY WHEN I COME BACK.
I'M THE ONE TO BE YELLED AT !!

OPEN ...
THE GATE.
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID ...
UNTIL I GET THERE, FON.

ES.
I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
I...
FON.
!
LET'S GET TO THE POINT, ES...

WHERE IS...
THAT MAN.